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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE: REQUEST FOR POST ASSISTANCE IN  
THE EVALUATION/ASSESSMENT OF TERRORIST FACILITATORS AND  
INCITERS DESIGNATIONS: POST RESPONSE

REF: RIYADH 08825

Classified By: Economic Counselor Robert Silverman for reasons 1.5 (b),  
(d), and (g).

11. (S/NF) Embassy Riyadh appreciates the opportunity to  
comment on the effectiveness of tranche I designations under  
the Terrorist Facilitators and Inciters Initiative. While the  
Mission of Saudi Arabia fully supports the objective of this  
initiative - to sanction individuals that both financially  
and ideologically support terror organizations - we continue  
to have concerns regarding the effectiveness of the  
initiative in the Saudi and Gulf regional context (see  
reftel).

#### Potential Effectiveness in the Saudi Context

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12. (S/NF) We have as of yet no direct evidence concerning the  
impact of tranche I designations in the Kingdom of Saudi  
Arabia and are unaware of any bank account closures in the  
host country as a result of the designations.

13. (S/NF) As detailed in reftel, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
takes every opportunity to highlight their commitment to  
comply with all UNSCR 1267 Sanctions Committee designations,  
including designations of Saudi nationals and organizations  
in Saudi Arabia. The SAG continues to take proactive steps to  
deter radical ideologue behavior through a program that  
monitors radical clerics; co-opts radical clerics; and  
removes uncooperative radical clerics. Any designation of  
Saudi entities as part of the Terrorist Facilitators and  
Inciters Initiative could be perceived by the Saudis as an  
attempt to undercut their efforts to deter radical preaching  
through co-optation. Designations under this Initiative  
should thus be closely coordinated with the SAG.  
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